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DELIVER TO WINSTON LORD FOR DR. KISSINGER

JANUARY 12, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

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INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

THE WASHINGTON POST

HELMUT SCHMIDT, WEST GERMANY'S MINISTER OF FINANCE, PROPOSED
THAT AN ATLANTIC SUMMIT MEETING OF WEST EUROPEAN U.S. LEADERS
BE CONVENED AFTER THE FRENCH ELECTIONS IN MARCH. HE ALSO
PROPOSED THAT AN AMERICAN-EUROPEAN "ROYAL COMMISSION" OF
DISTINGUISHED AND KNOWLEDGEABLE CITIZENS BE ESTABLISHED TO
ANALYZE THE PRIORITIES OF ECONOMIC, MONETARY, AND SECURITY
POLICIES COMMON TO THE U.S. AND WESTERN EUROPE. (A-2)

HIS RESIGNATION AFTER REFUSING TO FLY ANY MORE COMBAT MISSIONS.
✓ "THE GOALS DO NOT JUSTIFY THE MASS DESTRUCTION AND KILLING. IT
WAS NOT SPECIFICALLY THE BOMBING OF THE NORTH." (A-12)

JONATHAN RANDAL REPORTS FROM PARIS THAT AS YOU CONTINUE TO
NEGOTIATE ON A CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT, THERE ARE CONFLICTING
STATEMENTS AT THE PARALLEL SEMI-PUBLIC PEACE TALKS POINTED
TO THE FUTURE OF THE DMZ AS A CENTRAL ISSUE. IT WAS NOTED
THAT YOU AND THO WAVED AND SMILED BROADLY AS YOU LEFT SEPAR-
ATELY AFTER THE SESSION, IN MARKED CONTRAST TO THE GRIM EXPRES-
SIONS YOU AND THO WORE EARLIER IN THE WEEK. (A-13)

LEONID BREZHNEV TOLD REPORTERS YESTERDAY: "THE VIETNAM WAR IS
DRAWING SLOWLY TO ITS CONCLUSION," AND "THE CLIMATE TENDS TOWARD"
HIS PAYING A RETURN VISIT TO PRESIDENT NIXON. FRENCH OFFICIALS
SAID THAT BREZHNEV TOLD POMPIDOU THAT THE SOVIET UNION WILL
PARTICIPATE IN THE FORCE REDUCTION TALKS SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN
GENEVA JANUARY 31. THE SOVIET LEADER EMPHASIZED THE SOVIET
UNION DOES NOT WANT THE MILITARY QUESTION OF FORCE REDUCTIONS
MIXED IN WITH A EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE, EXCEPT FOR CER-
TAIN MEASURES CONCERNING THE STABILITY OF EUROPE, THE SOURCE
SAID. (A-18)

AN EDITORIAL COMMENTS THAT THE CURRENT DIPLOMATIC RIFT BETWEEN
THE U.S. AND SWEDEN IS DISTURBING IN ITSELF, AND EVEN MORE DIS-
TURBING IN WHAT IT PORTENDS FOR THE LEADERSHIP ROLE WHICH THE
PRESIDENT WOULD HAVE THIS COUNTRY TAKE AFTER THE WAR. THE POST
BELIEVES THAT THE WAY TO COPE WITH A "FRIEND'S DISAGREEMENT IS,
AT THE LEAST, TO GET IN CLOSER TOUCH....PASSING OFF POLITICAL
DISAGREEMENT AS AN EXPRESSION OF CALCULATED HOSTILITY IS SIMPLY
WRONG-HEADED." (A-22)

JACK ANDERSON SAYS THAT AMERICAN MILITARY ADVISERS HAVE URGED PRESIDENT THIEU TO MOUNT A NEW OFFENSIVE ACROSS THE BORDER INTO LAOS. THE AMERICAN ADVISERS PROMISED, IF THIEU WOULD LAUNCH AN OFFENSIVE, THE U.S. WOULD SUPPORT IT WITH AIR POWER. (B-15)

THE NEW YORK TIMES

FLORA LEWIS REPORTS THAT YESTERDAY'S FORMAL MEETING IN PARIS CONCENTRATED ON THE BASIC ISSUES THAT THE VIETNAMESE AND AMERICANS HAVE BEEN FIGHTING ABOUT THROUGHOUT THE WAR. THE ISSUE IS WHETHER THERE IS TO BE ONE VIETNAM, INFLUENCED BY HANOI, OR WHETHER THE COUNTRY SHOULD BE DIVIDED INTO TWO INDEPENDENT STATES, ONE COMMUNIST AND ONE ANTI-COMMUNIST. AS USUAL, SHE SAYS, THERE WAS NO DIRECT WORD ON DEVELOPMENT IN YOUR PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH LE DUC THO. (A-1)

CAPTAIN HECK, THE B-52 PILOT WHO REFUSED TO FLY ANY FURTHER BOMBING MISSIONS IN VIETNAM, SAID THE GOALS DO NOT JUSTIFY THE MASS DESTRUCTION AND KILLING. CAPTAIN HECK HAS SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION TO THE AIR FORCE, HOPING IT COULD BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT A COURT MARTIAL. (A-1)

BREZHNEV YESTERDAY DECLARED THE VIETNAM AFFAIR IS DRAWING LITTLE BY LITTLE TO ITS CONCLUSION. BREZHNEV POINTED OUT THAT FROM THE MOMENT THE TALKS BEGIN MEANS THE TWO SIDES ARE DETERMINED TO SETTLE THE AFFAIR PEACEFULLY. THIS DECLARATION BY BREZHNEV CONTRASTED SHARPLY WITH THE ANTI-AMERICAN COMMENTS IN THE SOVIET PRESS AND TELEVISION DURING THE LAST WEEK. ALTHOUGH MR. BREZHNEV REFRAINED FROM MAKING ANY DIRECT LINK BETWEEN HIS VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES AND A VIETNAM PEACE SETTLEMENT, HE RECALLED HIS SPEECH OF DECEMBER 21 CONDEMNING THE BOMBING OF NORTH VIETNAM AND ASSERTING THAT THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN SOVIET AND AMERICAN RELATIONS WOULD LARGELY DEPEND ON HOW THE VIETNAM WAR IS HANDLED. (A-3)